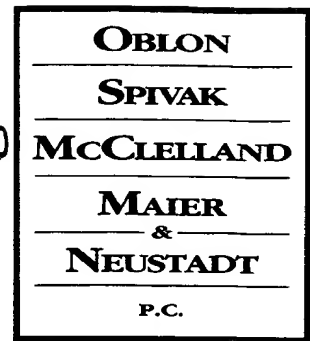




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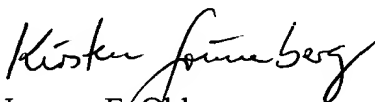
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Responsive to the Official Action dated June 21, 2001, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group VII, Claim 13. In addition, Applicants elect with traverse, phosphoglucose isomerase as single disclosed species of an enzyme. Claims 1, 9, 10 and 13 read on the elected species.

REMARKS

The Office has required restriction in the present application as follows:

The Examiner has now indicated that the claims do not relate to a single general inventive concept and that they lack unity of invention. He is requiring an election of one of the following Groups:

- Group I: Claims 1, drawn to a microorganism belonging to the genus *Escherichia* and having purine nucleoside-producing ability;
- Group II: Claim 2, drawn to a microorganism belonging to the genus *Escherichia* which has acquired a purine nucleoside-producing ability because of an increase of an activity of an enzyme involved in purine nucleoside biosynthesis;
- Group III: Claim 3, drawn to a microorganism belonging to the genus *Escherichia* which has acquired a purine nucleoside-producing ability because of an increase of an expression amount of a gene for an enzyme involved in purine nucleoside biosynthesis ;